

2009 EQIP National Ranking Questions With Clarifiers

	EQIP National Questions (Circle Yes or No)	Questions to Determine National Priorities (If any question is yes then the related National Question is yes.)
1	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of nonpoint source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds with total maximum daily loads (TDML) where available, groundwater contamination or point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations? Yes or No	Will this contract result in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An animal waste system and/or a CNMP being implemented? 2. Exclusion of all livestock from sensitive areas, if this a livestock operation? 3. Installation of adequate buffers to protect sensitive areas? 4. Reducing sheet and rill erosion from greater than T to less than or equal to T or cropland being converted to perennial vegetation? 5. Practices that address gully erosion? 6. Relocating winter feeding areas from a floodplain, for livestock operations? 7. A transition to organic certification?
2	Will the treatment you intend to implement for water conservation or irrigation efficiency using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in water use? Yes or No	Will this contract result in the installation of water conservation measures such as one of the following? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replaces livestock watering systems that use city water with a livestock watering system with other sources 2. Replaces overhead irrigation systems with drip irrigation systems 3. Installation of micro irrigation systems 4. Installation of control systems for pivot irrigation systems - to schedule timing of irrigation, as well as data loggers (to inform farmers at a remote location when to stop irrigation) 5. Installation of a water re-cycling system where flush water is used to move animal waste 6. Conversion of dairy parlors or swine housing to scrape rather than flush systems
3	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards? Yes or No	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is an animal waste system being installed? 2. Will the participant use some form of Nitrogen injection or use urease inhibitor or polymer coated urea? 3. For dry broiler operations is an acidifying litter amendment (such as PLT, AIClear, PoultryGuard) being used at the rates recommended to control ammonia emissions? 4. Are other ammonia control measures being used to reduce ammonia emissions from livestock operations? 5. If dust emissions are a problem on the operation, are measures being used to control them?
4	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land? Yes or No	Will this contract result in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reducing sheet and rill erosion from greater than T to less than or equal to T or cropland being converted to perennial vegetation? 2. Applying practices that address gully erosion? 3. Applying practices of streambank or shoreline protection? 4. Exclusion or limited access of all livestock from sensitive areas (streams, lakes, pond, sinkholes, wetlands etc)?
5	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation? Yes or No	Will this contract result in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclusion or limited access of livestock to streams, sinkholes, wetlands, or other natural water bodies? 2. The installation of native warm season grasses or wildlife enhancement practices? 3. The establishment or improvement of a forest riparian buffer, native warm season grass filter strip or field border or a tree/shrub field border. 4. Installation of streambank or shoreline protection practices? 5. Improvement of forest health or wildlife habitat by exclusion of livestock from woodlands or other wildlife plantings.
6	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable benefits to residue management, nutrient management, air quality management, invasive species management, pollinator habitat, and animal carcass management technology or pest management? Yes or No	Will this contract result in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The planting of multiple herbaceous flowering species and/or include a mixture of summer and fall flowering species? 2. Development of a CNMP? 3. A transition to Precision Agriculture? 4. A transition to organic certification? 5. A composting facility for mortality management? 6. Specific management for air quality resource concerns such as odor, drift or particulate matter?
7	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in energy conservation benefits? Yes or No	Will this contract result in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A transition to organic farming certification? 2. Installation of a waste storage structure for on-farm use of manure nutrients? 3. Development of a CNMP for on-farm use of manure nutrients? 4. A transition to Precision Agriculture? 5. A transition to a grass-based dairy? 6. Cross fencing additional paddocks that will result in reduced hay feeding. Need for additional paddocks must be documented using Cowboy Math.